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(e) the number of political prisoners that have been released up to date and the reasons on which they have been released; and

(f) the number of cases in which the husbands are in one class and their wives in a different class and the reasons for the difference?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (a) and (c) of question No. 18. On 6th September 1930, there were 3,719 prisoners convicted of political offences, of whom 60 were in 'A' class and 393 in 'B' class.

(c) to (f) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"May I know whether the hon. Law Member has considered the effect of the judgment of the High Court in the matter relating to Gandhi cap in Guntur, and whether the matter has been examined and whether the Government have considered some of the points that have arisen in that connection in other cases and what the results have been?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The same point has not arisen in any other case: so there was no occasion for the Government to examine the question."

Mr. S. N. Dorai Raja:—"May I know whether lady prisoners are allowed to wear bangles?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. S. N. Dorai Raja:—"May I know if the hon. Law Member is aware that some of the lady prisoners have sent their bangles to one of the Swarajists in Madras telling them that they are women and that ladies are men?"

The hon Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"That is a matter entirely between the women prisoners and the Swarajists."

Number of persons convicted for political offences.

*21 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons convicted in each district this year up to the end of last month for political offences; and

(b) the number of persons put in A, B and C classes respectively among the political convicts in each district?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clauses (a) and (c) of question No. 18 and clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 20. 11-30 a.m.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Government will call for the information asked for in the question?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"That is what I have stated in the answer to question No. 18. And if my Friend wants further information, I shall consider his suggestion."